

~~Abstract~~**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION** ~~relates to a~~**THE DISCLOSURE**

~~A~~ method in the on-line finishing of ~~the~~**a** paper machine ~~comprising~~**has** the successive finishing stages of at least precalendering (12) and coating (13). ~~In the method, at~~**A** tail is formed from ~~the~~**a** paper web and ~~this tail~~ is taken through the finishing stages (12, 13)~~. After this the paper web is~~ **and then** spread to the full width. Prior to starting the tail threading procedure of the following finishing stage (12, 13) this finishing stage (12, 13) is set to the production settings while the paper web is spread in its full width. The invention also relates to an arrangement in the on-line finishing of the paper machine.